



# ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR VIDEO MEETING

February 10, 2021

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### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Erin Vivion called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

Anumeha, Vice Chair Amy Barnes, Erik Gordon, Suzanne Skone, and Chair Erin Vivion participated remotely using Zoom (video teleconferencing platform).

Staff members Sarah Bluvas, Ryan Daly, and Ali Spietz also participated remotely via Zoom.

### PUBLIC APPEARANCES

*No public appearances.*

### STAFF REPORT

Sarah Bluvas, Economic Development Coordinator, provided an update on the Island Lanterns community art project in Town Center and highlighted a food art project by local business owner and resident Lisa Carrucio.

### REGULAR BUSINESS

#### 1. Code of Ethics – Informal Opinion

Ali Spietz, Chief of Administration, updated the Board on the City's Code of Ethics, including informing members of City Boards and Commissions have the option to seek an informal opinion from the City Attorney on the applicability of the code of ethics to hypothetical situations.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2020, Regular Video Meeting Minutes, and January 28, 2021, Special Video Minutes

It was moved by Barnes, seconded by Skone to:

**Approve the December 9, 2020, and January 28, 2021, Minutes as presented.**

Passed 5-0-2

FOR: Anumeha, Barnes, Gordon, Skone, and Vivion

ABSENT: Shakes and Vaden

#### 3. Arts Reset Planning Check-in

Bluvas and Ryan Daly, Recreation & Operations Manager, represented the overview of the purpose of the Recreation, MICEC, and Arts Reset Plan Process and updated the Board on how the project is progressing with the Parks & Recreation Commission. Bluvas, Daly, and consultant Emily Moon will return on February 23, 2021, for the second Arts Reset Planning workshop, which will focus on the Arts Council member survey and ideas for the Immediate Action Plan.

#### 4. Community Mural Project Ideal – MIHS Student Groups on Race Relations (SGORR)

MIHS Seniors Jacob Grosf, Gracie Galvin, and Elsa Lanctot presented an idea for a community mural project to inspire unity on Mercer Island and asked for feedback and suggestions from the Board. Boardmembers Skone and Anumeha volunteered to continue working with the students to

#### 5. MIVAL Public Art Donation Status

It was moved by Skone, seconded by Gordon to:

**Accept the donation of the photograph *The Raven* by Ron Reeder from the Mercer Island Visual Arts League (MIVAL).**

Passed 5-0-2

FOR: Anumeha, Barnes, Gordon, Skone, and Vivion

ABSENT: Shakes and Vaden

6. Other Public Art Updates and Needs

Bluvas updated the Board on other public art matters, including the theft of *Counterpoint* by Louise McDowell and plans to inventory 3D works of art in the public art collection. Boardmember Gordon also volunteered to meet with Bluvas and the Xing Hua architect team to discuss including an art element in the design as directed by the Arts Council at the December 2020 regular meeting. Bluvas and Gordon will report the results of that conversation at the next Arts Council meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Vivion reminded Board members to report their January 2021 volunteer hours.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Video Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.